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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a head harness including a chincup in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention; and

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the head harness of Figure 4 with the chincup removed in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention—; and

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 10 of page 4.

Figures 6a and 6b are perspective views of pads that are attachable to the frame assembly illustrated in Figure 1.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 5, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Padding is coupled to frame assembly 102 to provide improved comfort during contact with the human face. For example, forehead pads 118a and 118b (shown in Figure 6a) are provided to contact the forehead of the user. An additional forehead pad (not visible in Figure 1 and shown as 118c in Figure 6a) may be provided between forehead pads 118a and 118b. Thus, the forehead padding may be provided by any of a number of pads. Likewise, cheek pads 116a and 116b are provided to contact the cheeks of the user (shown in Figure 6b). This system accommodates varying facial features and helps to mold frame assembly 102 and the padding system to the user's face for comfort during extended wear. Such padding may be coupled to frame assembly 102 using snap fasteners 500 to provide a robust means of retaining the padding to frame assembly 102 as well as an easy method of removing the padding from frame assembly 102 (e.g., for cleaning, replacement of worn pads, etc.).

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 6, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This padding may be constructed of any of a number of suitable materials. For example, the pads may include a sheepskin leather exterior provided around an interior that includes a soft material such as foam or air pockets. Further, the padding (e.g., the forehead padding) may include a number of pads that are coupled together (e.g., 3 pads connected together by a webbing material 504, as shown in Figure 6a). Such coupling or linking of the pads helps to ensure that an individual pad does not get separated from the rest of the padding system (i.e., to prevent an individual pad from becoming lost). Further, by providing the padding using a plurality of pads, a single pad may be replaced as needed, as opposed to a complete padding assembly.